

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action dated June 4, 2007.

Claim 1 is amended and no claims are canceled or added; as a result, claims 1-3 remain pending in this application.

§101 Rejection of the Claims

The claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as failing to place the invention squarely within one statutory class of invention. The Office Action asserts that because the description of the present application at page 6, lines 1-4 states that the transaction processor, which may take the form of software stored on a storage medium, which may include conveyance as a data stream over a network, that the claims are not squarely within one statutory class of invention. However, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is to a method which includes processing of data, claim 2 is to a data structure, and claim 3 is to a system. Applicant is not clear as to how these claims are viewed as outside of the purview of the statutory classes of invention set forth in 35 U.S.C. § 101 simply by a statement that is included in the description of the inventive subject matter. Applicant believes the Office Action is somehow viewing the claims in the commonly used computer readable medium claim form, which are often referred to as Beauregard claims. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-3 are not in such a form and respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) for anticipation by Horn et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0156688; hereinafter "Horn"). Applicant respectfully traverses the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection of claims 1-3 because Horn fails to teach or suggest all of the claim limitations.

Horn is directed to a global electronic commerce system. The system of Horn is a system that is used to provide product information to buyers and allow buyers to create transactions to purchase such products. Horn does describe capturing transaction data, but the system that is used to create the transactions is the same system used to capture transaction data.

In contrast, claim 1, as amended, is a method of processing, associating, and archiving data received data from two or more different software systems. The data in the method is

received and not created as in Horn. The key values are of transactions created in the other software systems and are not created by the method. Viewed simply, the method of claim 1 is a method of collecting, indexing, and archiving data from two or more other systems for later retrieval.

Thus, Horn is a system primarily used to provide product information to buyers and receive their orders. Horn is a single system, contrary to the claimed two or more software systems from which data is received. Horn further fails to include receiving data from other systems because the inputs in Horn are received directly into the system. Further, because Horn is a single system, Horn does not need to process copies of the electronic data to identify electronic documentation items and at least one key value associated with an electronic documentation item as claimed.

Claims 2 and 3 include similar elements and as claim 1 and are equally distinguishable over Horn.

Thus, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection and allowance of claims 1-3 at because Horn fails to teach or suggest a system, method, or data structure that receives/collects, indexes, and archives data from two or more software systems for later retrieval.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney at (612) 373-6938 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

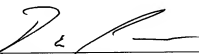
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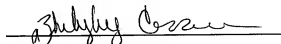


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